

AL-V-B-096  
Long House  
Long Drive, La Vale  
Ca. 1835

This building features both frame construction with clapboard and log construction with "V" notching. Currently in deteriorating condition, the Long House was once the house of a very prominent local citizen, Dr. Samuel P. Smith.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**HISTORIC  
Long House  
AND/OR COMMON**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER  
Long Drive

CITY, TOWN

La Vale

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME  
Charles D. Long

Telephone #: 724-5897

STREET &amp; NUMBER

11. N. Woodlawn Ave.

CITY, TOWN

La Vale

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 229

Folio #: 623

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Long House is located on Long Drive, La Vale, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of a two story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped frame structure. Wall construction is clapboard. The back half of the building is of log construction with "V" notching. Wall features are plain. The building is supported by a low stone foundation; reinforced with concrete. The roof of the building is gable flank and covered with tin; replaced. Eaves of the roof exhibit boxed cornices with soffit. Windows in the house are double hung with wooden sash frames with four-over-four and six-over-six lights. Window trim is plain with some windows featuring fixed louvered shutters. There are three original, corbeled brick chimneys. One is outside end; the other two are interior. The front entrance has a paneled door with verticle boards. The building has a front three-bay porch; which is deteriorated with a gable roof.

The building is in structurally poor condition and continually deteriorating, however is still retains most of its original appearance.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES  
Ca. 1835

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house of Dr. Samuel P. Smith is evidence of the affluence of those with professional training during the first half of the nineteenth century in Allegany County. This house was built shortly after Dr. Smith received a land grant for the area known as "Woodland" and Wednesday's Work" in 1833. <sup>1</sup>

An excerpt from The Maryland Advocate, a newspaper from Cumberland, shows that in 1824 Dr. Smith "abandoned his intention of leaving " the Cumberland area after recovering his health. He planned to return to his practice. <sup>2</sup> Existence of a professional class is evidence of Cumberland's early growth and importance. "By 1800 doctors, lawyers, midwives, and "professors" had settled in Cumberland. " <sup>3</sup> Doctors were needed to fight a host of diseases including smallpox, scarlet fever and epidemics of cholera that took a heavy toll in this area during 1833 and 1853. <sup>4</sup>

Dr. Smith participated in another kind of fighting when he served as a surgeon for the U.S. Army during the Mexican War of 1848 and the Civil War. <sup>5</sup>

Originally a log structure constructed with "V" notching and including a massive brick chimney, a much larger frame and clapboard addition doubled the size of the house. Currently in deteriorated condition, the Long House serves as a monument to a prominent citizen and the cultural heritage of Allegany County.

1. Allegany County Land Records (Liber D, Folio 72)

2. Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McCalin Printing, Co., 1976) p. 110(reprinted in)

3. Stegmaier et al p. 100

4. Stegmaier et al pp. 99 and 151-2

5. James W., Thomas and T. J. C. Williams, History of Allegany County, MD. (Philadelphia : Tiltsworth and Co., 1923) p. 342

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland

Stegamier, Jr., Harry. Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W.Va.: McClain Printing, Co., 1976

Thomas, James, W. and Williams, T.J.C. History of Allegany County, MD.

Philadelphia: Tittsworth and Co., 1923

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.363

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and William Pratt, Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/28/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

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Long House

Allegany County Deed; Liber 229, Folio 623

grantee: Charles D. Long, et. ux.

grantor: Jane E. Fulk, et. al.

July 1, 1950

To settle last will and testament of Murtle A. Long, wife of William M. Long

Allegany County Deed; Liber 113, Folio 572

grantee: William M. Long

grantor: Walter Long, et. al.

December 22, 1913

Consideration: \$1.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 36, Folio 394

grantee: Danial Long

grantor: David Bruce & Anne Bruce

April 8, 1872

Consideration: \$1,300.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 22, Folio 402

grantee: Anne Bruce

grantor: Samuel P. Smith

February 17, 1865

Land called "Woodland" & "Wednesday's Work"

Land granted to Samuel Smith in August 1833 (surveying records Liber D, Folio 72

DATE: 12/28/76  
229/623  
1.363 Acres

1.363 Acres

## Long House

Long Drive, La Vale on corner of Gramlich

## Southeast

Charles D. Long

11 N. Woodlawn Ave.

724-5897

La Vale, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(X) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

(X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
 ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
 ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
 (X) LOG Back half log, front is frame ["V" notching]  
 ( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Reinforced with concrete

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(X) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) 4/4  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Front Side with transom  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

Boxed

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(x)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable(X) Front 3 bay deteriorated

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick(☒) Stone(☐) Corbeled(☒) original(☒) replaced(☐)  
Location: Flush end(☐) Inside end(☐) Outside end(☒) Central(☐) Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Vacant

SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1835

CONDITION: Deteriorated

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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Long Log House  
Cash Valley Rd., Lavale  
USGS - Cumberland Quad  
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1949



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LONG HOUSE

LONG DRIVE, LaVale

JOHN E. NELSON

12/28/76

SOUTHWEST



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LONG HOUSE

LONG DRIVE, LaVale

JOHN E. NELSON

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NORTH



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LONG HOUSE

LONG DRIVE, Lavale

JOHN E. NELSON

12/28/76

EAST